



## The RI **FREEDOM** Collective

### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL SB2127

#### AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS

March 7, 2026

Dear Chairperson LaMountain and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Freedom Collective we respectfully submit this testimony in strong support for SB2127 currently under consideration before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Requiring the Superior Court clerk to automatically seal dismissed cases, individual counts, and indictments upon a defendant's request ensures that people are not burdened indefinitely by charges that were never proven. Streamlining this process and mandating that sealed orders be promptly served on the Bureau of Criminal Identification, relevant police departments, and counsel of record helps prevent outdated or inaccurate information from lingering in criminal databases. This approach promotes fairness, protects individuals from unnecessary collateral consequences, and strengthens the integrity of the justice system by ensuring that dismissed matters truly come to an end.

For these reasons we respectfully urge you to vote in favor of SB2127.

Thank you for your time, your public service, and your thoughtful consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

*Mario Monteiro*

*Steve Parkhurst*

*Kyle Campbell*

Rhode Island Freedom Collective

